GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PM VISIT TO JAPAN
GADDE RAMAMOHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister visited Japan recently;

(b) if so, the details of talks held, and

(c) the outcome thereof;

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a), (b) & (c)

The Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee paid an official visit to Japan from 7 - 11 December 2001 on the invitation of Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Junichiro Koizumi.

The Prime Minister visited Osaka and Tokyo. In Tokyo, the Prime Minister called on the Emperor of Japan, who also hosted lunch in his honour. The Prime Minister held bilateral discussions with Prime Minister Koizumi on bilateral, regional and international issues and on strengthening the Global Partnership for the 21st Century that was established when Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori of Japan visited India in August 2000. In both Osaka and Tokyo, the Prime Minister interacted with the business community and addressed major business meetings. The Prime Minister also met with members of India-Japan Parliamentary Friendship League.

India and Japan have agreed on the importance of strengthening the Global Partnership, and on further developing exchanges in the areas of trade and investment, culture, IT, science & technology, defence etc.